



St. Joseph's Primary School
42 Castle Street
Lisburn
BT274XE

'Being the best that we can be'

Friday Note

Friday 24th January 2020

No. 17

P7 Transfer to Post-Primary School Interviews

Tomorrow, Saturday 25th January some of our Primary 7 children will receive results from AQE and/or GL Assessment. In the rare but possible event that you do not receive them by 12 noon you can call the Education Authority (EA) 'School Admission Service' helpdesk on 028 9598 5595 or email at postprimaryadmissions@eani.org.uk

Alternatively, you can contact me directly by email at dmurray538@c2kni.net between 12 noon and 12.45pm. I will definitely have the AQE results as I receive them by email but I cannot guarantee having the GL results as these come by post and it will depend on my own postal service.

Like you, we are very proud of each and every P7 child and all of their achievements. Our school motto is to 'be the best that you can be' and it is alive in each and every child in Primary 7 this year. They have all done their very best and we must be proud of them, whatever the number/grade that arrives on tomorrow morning.

Mary's Meals Assembly

A sincere thank you to Mr Justin Rush, who came to visit our P6 and P7 children at assembly last Friday. Justin delivered a fantastic presentation on the work he does with the charity 'Mary's Meals'. Justin visited Zambia in November 2019 and was able to show us photographs of the Zambian children going to school and receiving their porridge meal that Mary's Meals provide daily. We presented Justin with a cheque for £250 at Christmas time and we worked out that this would provide 18 children with a daily meal for a year. It was so lovely to see at first-hand how your money has been spent. Thank you Justin.

P1 Online Applications for September 2020

The deadline of Thursday 30th January at 12 noon is fast approaching. I would encourage all current and prospective parents not to leave the submitting of applications until the last minute. I wouldn't want your application to our school to be scuppered by any technical glitches that may make you miss the deadline. If you find that you are having any difficulties completing the online form we are only too willing to assist you at school. Please contact Mr Murray or Mrs Fleming should you require any additional support.

Soccer – Lisburn Cup

Well done to the U10 soccer team in their first outing in the Lisburn Cup. The boys played against Forthill Integrated Primary School and produced an exciting team performance. After normal time the match finished 3 goals apiece. Scorers for St. Joseph's were Benton Davies and James Brownlees with two goals. Two periods of extra time were played with both teams failing to take the chances that were presented to them. Next it was the dreaded penalty kicks! Both teams took three penalties each and it was all level again. Unfortunately, the boys missed out in the second round of 'sudden death' penalty kicks. The boys can hold their heads up high! Panel: Benton Davies, Darragh Patterson, Zack Rogan, David Mc Cay, James Brownlees, Shea Marshall, Caelan Smith and Ferghal Hale. Best wishes to the boys from Forthill who advance to the next round of the cup.



P7 Confirmation Preparations

The P7 children had their Service of Light on Tuesday 21st January at school in preparation for their Sacrament of Confirmation. The children were very reverent throughout the ceremony. Fr Mc Caughan commented on the excellent way the children had been prepared by their teachers. The Bishop's Office have confirmed that Bishop Noel Treanor will officiate at the children's Confirmation in February.



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Liturgical Dates

P3 Commitment Service Thursday 5th March at 11am in the school assembly hall
P3 Sacrament of Confessions Thursday 26th March at 10.45am in St. Patrick's Church
P4 Breaking of Bread Service Thursday 2nd April at 9.15am in the school assembly hall
P4 Sacrament of First Holy Communion Saturday 16th May at 10am in St. Patrick's Church

Class Assemblies for Term 2

Please note that parents/guardians are invited to class assemblies. **Assemblies will begin promptly at the new time of 9.15am.**

| Class | Date |
|----------------------|-----------------------------------|
| P2 – Miss Mc Anerney | Thursday 30 th January |
| P5 – Mrs Gorman | Friday 31 st January |
| P6 – Mrs Fleming | Friday 27 th March |
| P6 – Mrs Gartland | Friday 3 rd April |

Term 2 Holidays

February Midterm Break Monday 17th to Friday 21st February (5 days).
Reporting to parents Friday 13th March
Staff Development Day Monday 16th March
St. Patrick's Day Tuesday 17th March.
Easter Holidays Friday 10th April to Friday 17th April. School reopens on Monday 20th April.

The week ahead: Week beginning Monday 27th January 2020

| Monday 27 th | Tuesday 28 th | Wednesday 29 th | Thursday 30 th | Friday 31 st |
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| Catholic School Week. PASS testing (P3 - P7). P7 Post-Primary Interviews for Parents (All week) with Mr Murray and Mrs Fleming. Elena Smyth teaching P6. Hurling and Camogie blitz. P4 (AH) Library visit from 10am. Mrs Connolly attending a course. Ms Teresa Twene teaching P4. | Clarinet tuition (8.30 – 10.45am). Flute tuition (8.30 – 10.30am.) PASS testing (P3 - P7). P4 – P7 classes attending Mass for Catholic Schools Week. | Violin tuition. PASS testing (P3 - P7). Pottery sessions in the Island Arts Centre – P2 (SC) and P5 (CK). P5 tennis coaching at Wallace Park. P4 (MC) Library visit from 10am. Mrs Mc Cambridge attending a Shared Education course. Mrs Elena Smyth teaching P7. | Violin tuition. PASS testing (P3 - P7). P2 (CMcA) Class Assembly at 9.15am. Mrs Mc Cambridge attending a Shared Education course. Mrs Elena Smyth teaching P7. U11 Lisburn soccer cup match at Laurelhill Sportszone at 2.30pm. | P5 (CG) Class Assembly at 9.15am. PASS testing (P3 - P7). P6 badminton coaching. P7 swimming lessons. |



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